

Spring 2018
RUS3400 (3264, 7726): Intermediate Russian II

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Course Goals and Description

This course is the second of a two-semester intermediate Russian-language sequence, and is designed to further students' knowledge of Russian language and culture through a variety of interactive methods. The course emphasizes the four most important language-learning skills—speaking, listening, reading, and writing—and integrates rich cultural content throughout. Students who attend class regularly, participate actively, and perform competently on written and oral quizzes, tests, and exams can expect to be able to produce and comprehend both spoken and written Russian in a variety of complex communicative situations by the end of the semester.

Grading:

Attendance, class participation, homework - 50%

5 in-class written tests - 25%

Quizzes - 10%

Final exam – 15%

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Day-to-day preparation and performance is critical in any language course. Given their highly interactive nature, language classes cannot be "made up" if missed. Poor in-class performance, unexcused absences, tardiness, and late or ignored homework assignments will be noted and calculated into the final grade. If you have to miss class or an assignment, please contact me ahead of time to make arrangements; those who miss class are responsible for obtaining and completing daily homework assignments.

Class time is your opportunity to practice speaking Russian. That means that I expect you to be prepared in class to ask and answer questions as well as to think creatively about the language you are learning. I will call on you and I will expect you to perform brief skits and situations in small groups in front of the class. I do not, however, expect you to speak perfect Russian...yet!

Homework assignments are included in Student Activities Manual and should be completed daily.

Homework is to be turned in on the day of every test (unless otherwise indicated by the instructor) with little-to-no errors. Additional weekly assignments should be turned in on specified dates.

Tests (5): 25%

These tests are designed to measure the degree to which you have mastered the material presented in each unit. All will include reading and writing components. Make-up tests may be arranged only if you provide

me with legitimate explanation submitted, under normal circumstances, in advance of the regularly scheduled test.

Vocabulary Quizzes: 10%

1 vocabulary quizzes will accompany each chapter. Regular quizzes will encourage you to build your confidence by learning key words, phrases and expressions.

Final exam: 15% TBA

The final exam will be a cumulative measurement of your mastery of the material covered in the course of the semester, and will include reading, writing, speaking, and listening components.

The following scale will be used in calculating your overall grade for the course:

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| A = 95 – 100% | B - = 75-79% | D + = 55-59% |
| A - = 90 – 94% | C+ = 70 – 74% | D = 50 – 54% |
| B+ = 85 – 89% | C = 65 – 69% | D - = 45 – 49% |
| B = 80 – 84% | C - = 60-64% | E = 40 – 44% |

If you have questions, please, consult: <http://www.registrar.ufl.edu/catalog/policies/regulationgrades.html>

Expected Class Demeanor

Cell phones and gadgets: Please turn off your cell phone off during class as a courtesy to us all. If your cell phone does happen to disturb the class, you are required to treat the class to cookies as reparation for the interruption. Please keep all other gadgets out of sight and sound as well: they are a distraction! Since you will be doing a lot of talking in this class I would also appreciate it if you would refrain from eating or chewing gum while the class is in progress. Please do not hesitate to contact me during the semester if you have any individual concerns or issues that need to be discussed.

Make-Up Quizzes or Tests

A student will only be allowed to make up a missed quiz or test if s/he has a doctor's sickness note or other official documentation specifying valid reasons for missing the class. If any serious personal reasons preventing you from writing a test/quiz should arise, please, let me know about them before you miss the test/quiz so that we can work out an accommodation.

Classroom Accommodation

Students requesting classroom and/or test/exam accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the Instructor when requesting accommodation.

Primary course materials (you need to have all listed print items)

1. Olga Kagan Frank Miller, Ganna Kudyma. В пути (V Puti). Russian Grammar in context. Second edition. Pearson/Prentice Hall, 2006. ISBN 0-13-028280-4.
2. Olga Kagan Frank Miller, Ganna Kudyma. Student Activities Manual. В пути (V Puti). Russian Grammar in context. Second edition. Pearson/Prentice Hall, 2006. ISBN 0-13-191760-9.
3. www.gramota.ru – Free online site for advanced studies.